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Pension application of Nathaniel L. Savage¹ R17665

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Northampton County – Eastern Shore of Virginia –

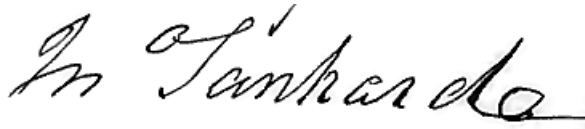
I John Tankard² do hereby certify and declare that during the period of my service in the Revolutionary war I became acquainted with Nathaniel L Savage who was a Lieutenant of Cavalry in a company of Virginia State troops, and I do hereby further declare that I do verily believe that he continued in the service as a Lieutenant of Cavalry in the Virginia State Troops until the close of the war. The said Savage and Dudley Diggs were officers in the same Corps.

Given under my hand this 14th day of August 1827.

Witness

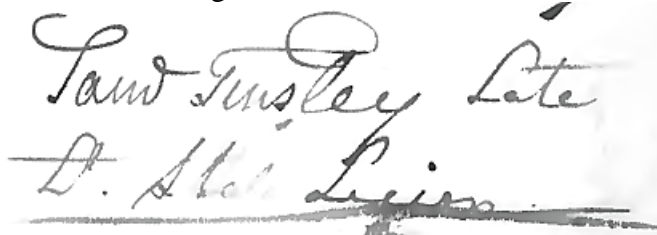
S/ Littleton Upsheer

S/ Jn Tankard



I do hereby certify that Nath'l Litton Savage served as Lieutenant during the Revolutionary war in the State Court of Cavalry commanded by Major John Nelson until the consolidation of the State Troops into a Legionary Corps under the command of Colonel Charles Dabney; and that he continued in service until all the Troops of the State Line were discharged – And I do further certify that Lieutenant Savage was always considered as a meritorious officer. Given under my hand this 1st day of September 1827

S/ Saml. Tinsley,³ Late
Lt. State Legion



¹ Va. Half Pay

² [John Tankard S48512](#)

³ [Samuel Tinsley S6243](#)

[p 6: As a near neighbor of the veteran, Joshua Crump testified in 1827 that he believed that the veteran died sometime in the year 1801 or 1802.]

[p 10: Nathaniel L Savage, Sheriff of New Kent County Virginia, executed a power of attorney dated December 31, 1849 as the administrator *de bonis non* of Nathaniel L Savage to seek the half pay due the veteran for his service in the revolution.]

[p 18: copy]

Friday January 18, 1782

Present: His Excellency, David Jameson, Jaquelin Ambler, George Webb, Sampson Matthews, Esquires

The Board took under consideration the act of the last session for regulating the Military and Naval arrangements of this State and are of opinion that the State Regiment, Major Nelsons Corps of Cavalry, Captain Rogers Company of dismounted Dragoons and part of a company of Artillery under command of Captain Roan should be consolidated and made a Legionary Corps under the command of Colonel Dabney as Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and one Major; consisting of three Companies of Infantry, two companies of Cavalry, and one Company of Artillery with their proper officers. That Colonel Dabney be desired to call a meeting of the officers of the several court above mentioned, in order to determine among themselves upon the principles of accommodation and mutual convenience, who of them should retire, and who continued; and if they cannot agree, that they shall then take place according to their seniority: That the six months men be considered as annexed to the three companies of infantry; and that proper officers be retained to command them while they continue in service

Executive Department Richmond Virginia 17 July 1850

I certify that the foregoing is truly copied from the Council Journal of 1782 now in this Department.

S/ Wm H. Richardson, Comr

[Note: Facts in file: the veteran is referred to in different documents in the file as either Nathaniel Litton Savage or Nathaniel Littleton Savage. The date of death of the veteran is given as being in the fall of 1800, 1801 or 1802. The heirs at law of the veteran are shown as follows:

Nancy Savage;

Susanna Wilkinson, sister of the veteran, one of her daughters married John W Royster

George Savage's heirs;

Thomas Savage's heirs;

John Savage's heirs;

Southey Savage's heirs.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Northampton County Legislative Papers

[These papers contain what appear to be the originals of some of the documents transcribed above. The signatures of the affiants appearing above were taken from these papers.]

Resolved that the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of allowing the representatives of Nathaniel L Savage late of North Hampton County the pay that

he was entitled to for his services as a Lieut. of cavalry in the State Legion, during the revolutionary war, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

December 8th, 1827

S/ George W Munford, C. H. D.

Auditor's Office 17 December 1827

It does not appear by any Document in this Office that Nathaniel L Savage a Lieut. of Cavalry in the Revolutionary war ever received his Half Pay under the act of Assembly in that case made and provided.

S/ Jas. Heath

Auditor of Public Accounts

City of Richmond to wit

I Joshua Crump do hereby certify that I was raised within a few miles of the residence of Nathaniel L Savage deceased and I do believe that he departed this life sometime in the year 1801 or 1802.

Given under my hand this 18th day of December 1827

S/ Joshua Crump

Witness

George P Crump

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] New Kent County Legislative Petitions

[very faint image—use with care]

Nathaniel Savage of New Kent County humbly Sheweth that your petitioner on the 28th day of July in the year 1779 by a Commission from the Governor of Virginia was appointed a Cornet of a Troop of Horse in the forces of the said State: That your petitioner accepted the said Commission & faithfully continued in service as Cornet [several words too faint to discern] the 8th day of August in the year 1781 when [paper damaged and the rest of the line of text rendered illegible] of the State aforesaid a Lieut. in Major John Nelson's Corps of State Cavalry; which He also accepted. Your Petitioner still continued in the service of the said State attached to Col. Charles Dabney's Regiment until he was discharged with others by order of the Executive sometime about the month of February in the year 1783. That your petitioner perceives himself as justly entitled by the laws on this subject, to he is half pay or commutation, as any other Officers of the State Troops in Col. Dabney's Regiment [several words illegibly faint] inasmuch as he never was deranged or made supernumerary but continued in actual service until a general discharge of the State Troops. Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Hon. body will take his case into consideration & grant him half pay or commutation or afford him such other relief herein as shall seem just & your petitioner shall ever pray &c



[Reverse]

NL Savage Petition

October 13th 1792

to Claims

reasonable
Special
Reported 21st November 92
Mr. Booker Chairman

City of Richmond to wit

William Armistead⁴ this day appeared before me & made oath that Nathaniel Littleton Savage of New Kent County was a Lieut. under him in Col. Charles Dabney's Legion in 1782 & 1783 & continued in actual service until about 9th of February 1783 when he the said Savage with other Officers, by order of the Gov. & Counsel were directed to be discharged under the immediate expectation of peace & or half pay

S/ A. W. Eahart [?]
2nd Nov. 1792

It appears by the Payroll of Col. Dabney's Legion, that Nathaniel Savage received pay as a Lieut. of the Cavalry to the 9 February 1783

S/ Jno. Carter

Auditor's Office
12 October 1792

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Thomas & Nathaniel L Savage Executors of Nathaniel L Savage deceased respectfully shows; That during the year 1781 your petitioners' Testator who was during his life an active & zealous Citizen for the good of the Republic resided in New Kent County on the high road from Richmond to Williamsburg: That during that year, from his exposed situation he suffered considerable damage from different parties of troops marched through the Country & at last the Marquis De La Fayette [Lafayette] encamped with his whole Army on the said Testator's plantation & remained there for a considerable time = That all the Crops then growing on the said plantation were used by the Army for forage &c & all the fencing for fuel. That when the Army marched from said plantation it was left entirely desolate & the said Testator had to advance from his principal, like a new settler, a huge sum for provisions for immediate subsistence & for preparing his plantation a new for cropping. That your petitioners' Testator in his life & your petitioners themselves, since his death have pursued diligently the means for obtaining redress from the public in the premises without effect, from different circumstances, though the justice of their claim is, they conceive, incontrovertible, as will appear by the estimate of the damage done on the said plantation & proved in New Kent County court house & ordered to be certified an authentic certificate whereof is hereto annexed – Your petitioners are well aware that objections may be raised to their claim upon some general grounds, but hope that they can be heard by the assembly & the particular circumstances [paper damaged and text missing, probably "of their"] claim can be brought fully & fairly to the consideration of the Members, they must be adjudged entitled to some compensation.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the Assembly well admit their claim to do you consideration & that they may be compensated for their claim in such manner as the Assembly shall seem right

⁴ [William Armistead VAS1894](#)

[Reverse]
Savage's Executors their petition
November 17th 1794
To Claims
Rejected
28 November 94

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Addendum to Nathaniel L. Savage R17665

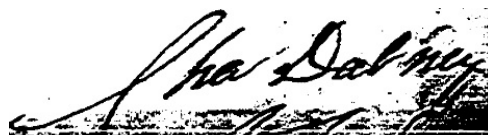
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 5 April 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Savage, _.]

Richm[on]d Feb'y 8th 1783

This may Certify that Lieut. Savage has been in the service of this State from the 28th day of July 1779 to the date hereof.

Cha Dabney [Charles Dabney R13624]
Lt Col



[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The claim was for additional bounty land as an Adjutant.]

[The original of the following table has columns headed "Days," "Casualties," and pence that are blank. "sub" is an abbreviation for subsistence pay.]

An abstract of the pay due the Virginia State Cavalry Command'd by Major Nelson for the months of May & June 1780.

Names	Rank	Time of Service	In Dollars		Pay recd	Law full	
		Months	pay per month	sub per month	subsis tence	Mon	ey
John Nelson [W5414]	Majr	2	60	400	920	276	
Thomas Carter [R12974]	Surgn	2	60	300	700	210	
W Armistead [William Armistead R12155]	Lieut	2	20	100	240	72	
H Nicholson [Henry W. Nicholson R16768]	Cor't	2	16	100	232	69	12
W Armistead [William Armistead VAS1894]	Clothier	2	15	100	230	69	
Nath'l L Savage	Adj	2	16	100	232	69	12
The amount of Pay Roll:					£	766	4
Capt Fearer's [Charles Fierer R22811]						675	
Capt Arman's [Charles Armand BLWt2291-850]						<u>686</u>	
					Total	2127	4
Cor't Nicholson pay for two months						<u>82</u>	
						2209	

W Armisted PM LD [Pay Master, Light Dragoons]

J Nelson Maj Com VD [Virginia Dragoons]

Auditors Office Virginia 9 Dec 1851

I hereby certify that the foregoing is truly copied from a paper now on file in this office

Ro Johnson/ First Aud'r

Reejected Dec'r 3, 1851 J B Floyd [Gov. John B. Floyd]